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Tufty from Toxic Reasons was interviewed this past summer and have since released their follow up lp to "Within These Walls". FOE-Toxic Reasons is not a new band, you've done a lot over the years, how has the band changed over the years?

TR-The band has had numerous changes. In fact we just had another change about a month ago when Rob, the other English fella left after being depressed about not having creature comforts. We have a new guy, Terri Holliwood, who I used to play in the Zero Boys with. He is a bit ahrder than Rob and a better player and still has the energy to get a good sweat going. As for the styles of the band, we change all the time and after the last record we had wanted to put out something that was a lot harder. In fact we had a lot of the new record recorded before we did "Within These Walls", but we thought that we should wait and put all slower tempo songs on the last one so that

more serious now, I think, and a lot more professional. I think it comes with age. FOE-In reference to your "Independence"lp, Can people still get it?

TR-No, The record is not available, none of us even have a copy!

FOE-The booklet that came with the lp is rather impressive, How did that come about? Its not something one expects to come with a hardcore lp.

TR-The booklet I thought was rather a waste of money costing \$1.25 per copy gor 5000, thats \$6250 in addition to the vinyl.

FOE-The cover of "Kill By Remote Control" is real interesting.Where did you come up with the work, and who did it? Why and How did you choose it?

TR-The cover of the album was done by Bruce and what he did was cut out different pictures and make a collage with them. The idea was that in the next war, we in America won't have to feel the pain or see it or even have to be involved with it. Just watch the edited version on television and press a series of buttons and sit back...a very frightening thought.

FOE-Would you refresh our memories... You have done many extensive tours, can you tell us a bit about them, where you've played, best, most memorable places and occurances? How would you compare other scenes to your home scene? Do you plan to tour more in the future?

TR-Tour nightmares, eh well we could go on for weeks with stories about such things I was calculating the other day, approximately how many miles that Toxics had done

it flowed good together If you look at the inside of the record I had scratched in the vinyl "Never Give In", which is the title of one of our new songs that is killer! The band is a bit

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 - Bullets For You lp Treason June 86

and I figure it to be about 300,000 miles and we are on our 8th van. That is about 12 times around the earth, 11½ actually. We have toured Europe twice, covering most of the countries, Canada about 8000 times and the US??? I think that if I would have lived in the past I would have been like a Robin Hood or a Black Bart or maybe a pirate, but I know that I would have been a wanderer. I think the most memorable time that comes to mind now is when we played in Reno, with DOA, and after we went out to this chief's house, called Alvin, and spent 3 days out on the reservation with some of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet. Quite the celebration, it was Thanksgiving and it was quite the feast! The Indians at night would go fishing and in the morning cook fresh fish over the fire for everyone... my god, I should pay people to buy our records so that we can have more adventures like those. There are many many more adventures like those. The scenes vary slightly but not that much, except for Italy and Holland. Where the people seem alot more active. Plans for the future include Europe and Australia in August (now past, I wonder if they made it?) and maybe South America with DOA.

FOE- "Within These Walls", do you feel it is a different approach than the bands previous records? Do you think you'll reach a larger audience with the lp? Was this your goal?

TR-It was a different approach and we thought that with all the metal music happening it would be interesting to not only come out sounding different but also bringing back some of the older punks wherever they are, that seem to graduate to new wave somewhere along the way. We spent a lot of time and a lot of our hard earned money to do the best that we could. The new record has sort of been slammed by the underground zines and not got mentioned in the straight press, so it hasn't found an audience but I think it will be a slow starter and eventually, probably the record that a lot of people will remember us with. We did hope to reach a bigger audience, with "Within These Walls" because of the slower and less abrasive and better recording. We have the next one ready to go, that is a mixture of a lot of styles but concentrating on the harder stuff.

FOE-What are your favorite Toxic Reasons songs?

TR-"God Bless America", "Destroyer", "No

Pity" etc...

FOE-Toxic Reasons; tours, lps, compilations. What is left? What does the future hold for the band? Do you think that you'll ever get to the point where it will be time to quit?

TR-Revolution? More records, more tours, it might get to be time to quit Toxic Reasons someday, but I want to be a musician be it an old sixty year old jazz player or whatever. Tufty will always be playing til I drop!

FOE-Any last comments?

TR-Rough Trade is distributing our records and you can get shirts and stickers from me at the Toxic Reasons address.

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